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USDOC FOR BEWT/EEAD AND OEA/WALINSKY

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS; BEXP, ESTC, CZ
SUBJECT: RE-EXPORT OF COMPUTERS

REF BRENNAN/WALINSKY TELCON 6/19/78

1. DIGITAL ELECTRONICS HAS DOLS 1.3 MILLION CONTRACT TO
RE-EXPORT PDP 1134 COMPUTER SYSTEM TO CZECHOSLOVAK FTO KOVO
FOR STATE BANK. VIENNA DIGITAL ELECTRONICS REP PASSED CONTENTS
OF WALINSKY/MACLEOD LETTER TO KOVO TOW DAYS AGO
IN ORDER TO ASSURE THEM THAT DELIVERY IN AUGUST COULD BE MET.
NO DOUBT DUE TO PREVIOUS DALAYS ON BOTH SIDES FROM OTHER
CONTRACTS, KOVO WAS LEARY TO ACCEPT DIGITAL ELECTRIONIC'S
ASSURANCES THAT LETTER WAS LEGITIMATE. AFTER REF TELCON, EMBOFF
PASSED CONTENTS OF LETTER TO KOVO AND STATE BANK REPS, WHICH
SOMEWHAT REASSURED THEM. HOWEVER, DUE TO ALLEGED HISTORY OF DELAYS ON

PART OF DIGITAL ELECTRONICS, KOVO REP ASKED FOR SOME REASSURING
INDICATION FROM USDOC AS TO WHEN CASE IS EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED IN
U.S. AND PASSED TO COCOM. EMBOFF REITERATED CONTENTS OF LETTER,
BUT KOVO REP RESPONDED THAT BASED UPON PAST HISTORY, HE WOULD BE FACED

WITH NECESSITY TO CANCEL CONTRACT, AS THE STATE BANK PROJECT COULD
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NOT BE PERMITTED FURTHER DELAY, AND SEVERAL OTHER DELAYS HAD
ALREADY BEEN TOLERATED SO FAR.

2. CONTENTS OF PARA ONE PASSED TO DIGITAL ELECTRONICS
VIENNA REP, WHO INTENDS TO RESPOND WITH TELEX SHOWING STEPS
FIRM HAS TAKEN TO MEET AND EXCEED KOVO'S REQUIREMENTS, AND EVEN
TO ACCELERATE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.

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3. KOVO REP CLAIMS THAT MEETIFY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE CANCELLATION
OF CONTRACT WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE 22. ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE TACTICAL
MOVE ON KOVO'S PART, EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS GENUINE WORRY AT KOVO
THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPUTER PROJECT AT STATE BANK WILL BE
DELAYED. WHILE IN NO WAY WISHING TO JUDGE PAST HISTORY OF DIFFICULTIES

BETWEEN FTO AND U.S. FIRM, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE AS HELPFUL AS
POSSIBLE TO DISPEL DOUBTS KOVO MAY HAVE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: BY IMMEDIATE CABLE OR BY TELEPHONE, PLEASE
TRANSMIT APPROPRIATE RESPONSE THAT EMBASSY MAY PASS TO
KOVO ON JUNE 22. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARY HELPFUL IF
OEAPPROPROXIMATE DATE THAT CASE IS EXPECTED TO BSUSUBMITTED
TO COCOM COULD BE INDICATED. SUCH A DATE WOULD GIVE KOVO BENCHMARK
TO JUDGE IF DELIVERY DATE PROMISED BY DIGITAL ELECTRONICS
IS REALISTIC.
DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT. 8BYRNE

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